

REMARKS

Applicants note that under 37 C.F.R. §116 (b)(1) “After a final rejection or other final action (§ 1.113) in an application . . . , but before or on the same date of filing an appeal (§ 41.31 or § 41.61 of this title): (1) An amendment may be made canceling claims or complying with any requirement of form expressly set forth in a previous Office action; . . .” Although Applicant disagrees with the Examiner, in an effort to further the prosecution and secure prompt allowance, claims 14, 23, 24, 34, and 35 have been canceled, and claims 36, 39, and 40 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner in the Advisory Action dated October 23, 2008. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application to pursue additional subject matter. Claims 36-41 have been indicated to be allowable in the above reference Advisory Action.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 14, 23, 24, 34, and 35 have been canceled. Claims 36, 39, and 40 have been amended to correct minor clarity issues, as suggested by the Examiner. No new matter has been added. Claims 36-41 are now pending and are allowable.

II. CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the present document is a full and complete response to the Advisory Action dated October 23, 2008. The present case is in condition for allowance, and such favorable action is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned Attorney at (512) 536-3167 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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